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Public Policy & Education Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Conference Call: 503-446-4951 Access Code: 200 762 309#

[Video Call Link](#)

Persons wishing to testify during the public comment should email Brittany.E.Melzer@hecc.oregon.gov 12 hours prior to the meeting. Each individual/group will have a time limit of 3 minutes.

Agenda times are approximate. Order of the agenda may vary.

Members present via teleconference: Chair Sierra Barnes, Director Carie Bauer, Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Nathan Rix

Members excused: Jayesh Palshikar, Shenika Cumberbatch

Guests present: Casey Reynolds

Standing Business

1.0 Preliminary and Committee Business

1.1 Opening Remarks, Quorum, Agenda Review. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

ACTION ITEM: Approve previous Committee minutes (Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb). Chair Barnes called for a vote to approve the previous meeting minutes. Nathan Rix made the motion. Daniel Altamirano Hernandez seconded, and the motion passed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

2.0 Public Comment

None.

Standing Reports

3.0 Reports & Legislative Updates

3.1 State & Federal Updates

Director Bauer shared that negotiations continue within the federal government for the future of Build Back Better. Civilian Climate Corps continues to have bipartisan support. Efforts to highlight existing projects, workforce development components, and emissions reductions impacts continue. Director Bauer also shared that the OregonServes Legislative Concepts and Policy Option Packages (LCs and POPs respectively), were submitted and included a request to have instate tuition rates for AmeriCorps Alumni, state fund match to AmeriCorps Education Award, emergency assistance funding, and a staffing increase of 3 full-time positions in support of OSC. The HECC Commission invited Chair Rix to participate in their funding and achievement subcommittee for the

legislative priority presentation. OregonServes select grantees and commission members are invited to participate in community engagement table discussions of financial aid, learner outreach, and career readiness.

Director Bauer also highlighted some 2022 Oregon Legislative Session results on housing and homelessness funding, education updates, economic recovery, further workforce development, and healthcare access and healthy communities' efforts.

Strategic Implementation

4.0 Strategy and Planning

- 4.1 Casey Reynolds, the State Policy Manager with America's Service Commission, the OregonServes' national association, shared that his position is new and is funded by the Ballmer Group grant. He is surveying the State Commissions and hearing so far that recruitment challenges are prevalent. Selling some of these policy changes to conservative legislators is a challenge. Sharing success stories state-to-state to help forge a path for others to follow suit is a common desire among commissions, as well as the need for good data-sharing for policy work when presenting to legislators. One thing he is trying to capture is who the AmeriCorps Alumnus are that can be reached out to for support in each state at the community levels, beyond elected officials.

Closing Business

5.0 Other Business

Director Bauer was asked to speak at the Workforce Talent and Development Board meeting this week. Her presentation will highlight alignment between the OregonServes Strategic Plan and the WTDB Strategic Plan, and provide opportunities for partnership. Discussion followed of the best time to engage legislators and workgroups in the upcoming year. Discussion on advocacy or informational visits for day at the capitol planning, and priority setting for sharing with Casey Reynolds.

Adjourned at 3:00pm.